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SUBJECT: DGB CONVENTION -- FOREIGN WORKERS

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1. SUMMARY. THE DGB CALLED FOR EQUALITY AND INTEGRATION OF FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE FRG AND FOR RESCISSION OF THE DISCRIMINATORY GOVERNMENT POLICY INTRODUCED IN JANUARY 1975 OF PAYING REDUCED CHILD ALLOWANCES TO NON-EC FOREIGN WORKERS WHO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES. RESOLUTIONS WERE ALSO PASSED ADVOCATING BETTER LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREIGN WORKERS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL. THE DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN WORKERS ADVOCATED THE RETENTION OF THE BAN OF WORKERS FROM NON-EC COUNTRIES AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE TREATY PROVIDING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC FOR TURKEY BE MODIFIED TO PREVENT A NEW INFUX OF TURKISH WORKERS INTO THE FRG IN THE FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DELEGATES PASSED RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY THE WOOD WORKERS, FOOD WORKERS AND CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION, WHICH ADVOCATED EQUALITY AND INTEGRATION FOR FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE FRG, PROTESTED UNFAIR RENTS AND POOR ACCOMMODATIONS AFFECTING FOREIGN WORKERS, AND WHICH CALLED FOR IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF FOREIGN WORKERS. A RESOLUTION ALSO DEMANDED THAT THE CHILDREN OF FOREIGN WORKERS OF SCHOOL AGE BE COMPELLED TO ATTEND CLASSES. ONE SPEAKER CLAIMED THAT 20 - 25 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN OF FOREIGN WORKERS WERE NOT IN SCHOOL, THUS CREATING THE DANGER OF NEW GHETTOS OF ILLITERATE FOREIGNERS.

3. PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS OF THE NEW TAX LAW WHICH GRANTS SMALLER ALLOWANCES FOR THE CHILDREN OF FOREIGN WORKERS REMAINING IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAUSED ONE OF THE MORE LIVELY MOMENTS DURING THE CONVENTION. THE DELEGATES FOUND THAT THE DISCRIMINATORY CHILD ALLOWANCE SYSTEM VIOLATES THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR FOREIGN WORKERS AND WAS IN LARGE PART RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFUX OF A LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN CHILDREN INTO THE FRG IN RECENT MONTHS WHICH A NUMBER OF

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SPEAKERS SAID WOULD OVERBURDEN COMMUNITY SERVICES. IN ADVOCATING THE CHILD ALLOWANCE SYSTEM BE CHANGED TO PROVIDE FOR EQUAL ALLOWANCES FOR CHILDREN IN TURKEY AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES AFFECTED, ONE TURKISH DELEGATE WARNED THAT AN INFLUX OF TURKISH CHILDREN WOULD CAUSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FOREIGN COMMUNITIES AND GERMANS TO DETERIORATE. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER KARL SCHWAB WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE FOREIGN WORKERS, PROMISED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THE DISADVANTAGES CAUSED BY THE NEW SYSTEM OF CHILD ALLOWANCES. HE ALSO ADVOCATED THAT THE BAN ON THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN WORKERS FROM NON-EC COUNTRIES REMAINS AND RECOMMENDED THAT WAYS BE FOUND TO AVOID AN INFLUX OF TURKISH WORKERS INTO THE FRG WHEN THE TREATY GRANTING TURKEY ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC BEGINS TO TAKE EFFECT IN JANUARY 1976.

4. COMMENT. THE RESOLUTION AND SPEECHES, WHICH RE-AFFIRMED PREVIOUSLY STATED TRADE UNION POLICY TOWARD FOREIGN WORKERS, SUGGEST THAT THE TRADE UNIONS CONTINUE TO ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN WORKERS AS A NECESSARY PART OF GERMAN LIFE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND WILL SUPPORT THE NON-EC FOREIGN WORKERS ON THEIR GRIEVANCE OF ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION IN THE PAYMENT OF CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES. END COMMENT.

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